Academic Advising Project

Global Leadership Programme – UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School

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AIM

The UCD Smurfit School launched a co-curricular leadership development programme – the Global Leadership Programme (GLP) – in 2020/21. The programme has been designed around three pillars – student leadership, workplace skills and career planning. Based on programme feedback, this project aims to strengthen the academic advising aspect of the programme.

OBJECTIVES

A large volume of student feedback on all aspects of the design and delivery of the GLP was gathered in 2020/2021. This feedback suggests that the academic advising aspect of the programme could be further strengthened students identified three particular enhancements:

- The programme lead should schedule meetings with students at the start of the GLP so that advice can be sought on the student's proposed leadership development plan and how best to go about addressing their particular leadership development needs.
- More peer-to-peer learning opportunities should be created whereby students participating in the GLP can come together to exchange leadership development ideas, learning and experiences.
- More emphasis should be placed on creating opportunities where students can develop their leadership competencies through collaborative activities with other programme participants.

STRATEGY

The three enhancement priorities will be addressed in 21/22 with the following plan for the delivery of the GLP:

- October: Programme launch, leadership development workshop, small group academic advisory consultations
- November: Peer-to-peer exchange of ideas, learning and experiences
- January: Students to submit Autumn progress report, leadership development and personal development planning workshop
- February: Peer-to-peer exchange of ideas, learning and experiences
- April: Students to submit Spring progress report
- July: Students to submit final report